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John Q. Hamm, Commissioner
Alabama Department of Corrections
301 S. Ripley Street
Montgomery, AL 36130

Dear Commissioner Hamm:

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Governor of Alabama by the Alabama Constitution, I hereby commute the death sentence of Charles Lee Burton to life imprisonment without parole. *See* Ala. Const. art. V, § 124 (governor's power to grant reprieves and commutations to persons under sentence of death); Ala. Code § 15-22-27(b) (“[a]ny person whose sentence to death has been commuted by the Governor shall not be eligible for a parole”).

Prior to exercising this power, I notified a designated member of the family of the victim, Mr. Doug Battle. I also notified the Attorney General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Ivey".

Kay Ivey
Governor

cc: Hon. Steve Marshall, Attorney General
Hon. Steven D. Giddens, Talladega County District Attorney
Matt Schulz, counsel for Charles L. Burton
Megan Rhodebeck, Clerk, Alabama Supreme Court
Brian York, Clerk, Talladega County Circuit Court